

*Homegoing Celebration
of
Ruth Marie Yarbrough*

Sunrise: September 14, 1924

Sunset: October 14, 2008



*Saturday, October 18, 2008 11:00 a.m.
North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church
1427 Filbert Street
Richmond, California 94801
Reverend Dana Keith Mitchell Sr., Officiating*



Homegoing Celebration Order of Service

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Organ Prelude Musician

Processional Family & Ministers

Old & New Testament Reading Minister Sandra Rhodes

Invocation Minister

"When We All Get To Heaven" Congregational Song

My Friend/My ClassmateRose Catherine Randle

Letter of Comfort Kim Knox, Friendship Baptist Church, Vallejo

Resolution North Richmond Baptist Church

Cards/Acknowledgements Jacqueline Williams

Solo "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Zettie Gooden

Beloved MotherGwen Easter

My GodMother Kelley Easter

Words of Encouragement Rev. Dr. Caroll Broadfoot Jr./Appointee

..... Pastor During the Interim, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Vallejo

Expressions of Love (2 minutes please) Family & Friends

Celebration of Life Delores Murray

Solo Chrishenda Cooper

Eulogy.....Pastor Dana Keith Mitchell Sr.

A Glimpse 'til Glory Fuller Funerals Staff

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Richmond, California

Immediately following the interment, dinner will be served at

5402 Victoria Lane, Richmond, Ca. 94803

Everyone is Invited

When leaving the cemetery turn right onto Hilltop Drive. Go to Manor Drive, turn right and keep straight. At the light, turn onto Appian Way. Stay in the left lane and keep straight onto Valley View. Pass DeAnza High School, turn left at the light at Amend. Stay on Amend until it runs out at Castro Ranch Road. Turn left. Go to Carriage Drive, turn left. Immediately turn left onto Buckboard. Immediately turn right onto Victoria Lane. Drive to the top of the hill to the only one story house.

510-223-5659



Celebration of Ruth's Life

"I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Psalms 34:1 KJV

The only child of Robbie and Creola Roberts, Ruth Marie Roberts, was born on September 14, 1924 in Sexton, Sabine County, Texas. Ruth grew up in Mineola and Nacogdoches, Texas. Ruth was baptized by Reverend Kinsey Daniels at Corinth Baptist Church in Sexton, Texas in 1932. She graduated from E.J. Campbell High School in Nacogdoches, Texas in 1941. Ruth and Eugene Matthew Yarbrough married on July 12, 1941 in Nacogdoches, Texas.. They moved to San Francisco, California in May 1943 and then to Richmond in August 1943. They lived in Harbor Gate and the Canal and worked at the shipyard during World War II. Though Ruth never had any biological children, in 1947, God blessed her to receive her god-daughter, Gwen Jackson, at the age of five months old. She and Eugene and her in-laws, Levi & Mahala Ballinger jointly raised her. She then helped Gwen raise her only child and Ruth's second god-child, Kelley Easter. Kelley's only child, Mahala Houston refers to Ruth as Grandmother. Ruth, affectionately known as Mama Ruth, had two other children in her life - Eugene's two children, Curtis Eugene Yarbrough and Joyce Evelyn Bates. Mama Ruth united with the North Richmond Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. F. W. Watkins in 1953. She sang in the Gospel Chorus and was a Sunday School Teacher for many years. Mama Ruth worked as a Cosmetologist at Novelean's Beauty Salon in Richmond. She then became a cosmetology instructor at Charm's Beauty College in Oakland, until her health forced her to retire in 1973. Mama Ruth liked to fish and watch sports but what she most loved to do was to study the Word of God. She was the family's resident biblical resource person. If you wanted to know where something could be found in the bible or what something meant, if she didn't know it, she would find it and get right back to you. Mama Ruth always carried herself with quiet dignity and she was so very wise. Younger women enjoyed talking to her and she held fiercely every confidence. You never heard anything you told her again. She was not judgemental and only gave you advice if you asked for it.

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future.

She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Proverbs 31:25-26 NASB

Eugene, the love of Mama Ruth's life, died suddenly in 1978. Only the love of God brought her through this dark period. Mama Ruth's mother, Creola (Mama Ola) Roberts, came to live with her when she retired in 1977. They lovingly cared for each other until Mama Ola's death in 1997. When Mama Ruth's health failed, she was cared for by her goddaughters and her loving and faithful caregiver, Mrs. Delores Ayers. Mama Ruth quietly transitioned from her labor to her reward, in her home, on Tuesday, October 14, 2008.

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Revelation 21:4 NKJV

Mama Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Yarbrough, her mother, Creola Roberts and her in-laws, Levi & Mahala Ballinger. She leaves to celebrate her life her god-daughters, Gwen & Kelley Easter, and god-granddaughter, Mahala Houston, all of Richmond, her stepson, Curtis Eugene (Margaret) Yarbrough of Apple Valley and her stepdaughter, Joyce Evelyn (Bob) Wallace of Dewey, Arizona, two granddaughters, Mitzi Robinson & Regina Wallace and three grandsons, Bobby, Darrell & Ronnie Wallace and a host of cousins, relatives and friends.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

II Timothy 4:7-8 NKJV

Pallbearers

Jude Ken Best • Levi Hill
Robert E. Lee Sr. • Stephan Muccular
Dwight Richardson • Michael Richardson



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*Lovingly Yours,
Gwen & Kelley Easter and Family*

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